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### **TWO RUSK COUNTY RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING METHAMPHETAMINE**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Mark Steffen, 42, of Hawkins, Wis., was sentenced yesterday, and Teresa Fonseca, 22, of Weyerhaeuser, Wis., was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Madison for conspiring to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine from June 2005 to October 2006 in the Rusk County area.

Steffen was sentenced to 11 years and 3 months in federal prison and a four-year term of supervised release. Fonseca was sentenced to seven years in federal prison and a four-year term of supervised release upon completion of the prison term.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb found that Steffen and Fonseca were responsible for distributing between 1.5 and 5 kilograms of methamphetamine in the Rusk County area during the conspiracy. Steffen pleaded guilty to the charge on October 2, 2007. Fonseca pleaded guilty on November 8, 2007.

The charges against Steffen and Fonseca were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-

Narcotics Bureau, Rusk County Sheriff's Department, and Ladysmith Police

Department. The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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